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favors from the manufacturers, if the latter are paying for everything; then they will come back and make a report saying: We were well received, a big cocktail, a wonderful dinner, great speeches; now there is no longer any danger for the safety of the Canadian citizens as far as automobiles are concerned, the manufacturers can go on as they have been doing.

Mr. Speaker—

Mr. J. A. Habel (Cochrane): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Cochrane is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Habel: I am raising a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I do not intend to second that motion and all the more so because the hon. member for High Park did not intend to make it today. Therefore, I am not seconding that motion.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, it is a strange question of privilege—

Mr. Habel: No, it is well taken.

Mr. Grégoire: —telling us that the motion was not made while I have the right to speak on it.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): It was withdrawn—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: To regularize the proceedings may I say that I was just informed by the hon. member for Cochrane (Mr. Habel), whose name has been called as the seconder, that he does not wish to associate his name with the motion. I assume that the hon. member for High Park will indicate who is the seconder of his motion.

Mr. Cameron (High Park): Mr. Speaker, may I first of all rise on a question of privilege. The hon. member who has just spoken asked me whether I was going to make my motion today and I told him no. This is really a very simple matter. The committee of which I am the chairman having heard representations from various organizations and individuals interested in safety features, approached the manufacturers and asked them—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is now making a point of debate. Would the hon. member resume his seat. The only point I am trying to make now is that if we are going to have a debate we should first

find out whether there is a seconder for the motion of the hon. member for High Park. If in fact there is no seconder for the motion, then I suggest that we put an end to the debate, to the question of privilege and everything else.

Mr. Ryan: Mr. Speaker, I second the motion made by the hon. member for High Park.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for La-pointe may now continue to speak.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I find the situation—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is the hon. member speaking on the point of order?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, in an attempt to clear up the confusion let me point out that I do not think the Chair heard the chairman of the committee, who, when motions was called, rose and said "I do not propose to make this motion today." These were his words, and I think everything that has been said since that time has resulted from that confusion. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, whether the chairman of the committee should not be asked whether he wishes to withdraw the motion which he did not in fact make.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the point of order, I believe that I had been speaking for ten minutes before the hon. member for High Park (Mr. Cameron) indicated that he did not wish to introduce his motion and, in fact, he has not yet mentioned it himself. I rose to speak after the motion had been formally put before the house by the Speaker and after I had been recognized.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to proceed with my comments and express strong objection, in the name of simple decency, to the motion which I find a jest—

[English]

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I understand there is no motion before the house and all the remarks now being made are irrelevant. We should therefore proceed to other business.

Mr. Speaker: This situation can be cleared up very simply. It is quite possible that the Chair took for granted the fact that a motion

[Translation]